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THE FUTURE OF CHINA.

MR. TAFT INTERVIEWED.

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New York, October 12.

Mr. Taft, the Republican candidate for the Presidential election, received Li Sun Ling, editor of the *Wah Tat* of Hongkong, on Saturday morning and cordially welcomed him. In the course of a long interview Mr. Taft emphatically expressed himself in favour of closer relations between China and the United States. He said: "If I should ever be in a position where my influence in the affairs of the United States will be felt, I would use every effort to help China's progress."

China is making distinct progress, which will be greater if American ideas and influence are mingled with the work. I am looking forward to the time when China will be able to take care of herself independently of outside influence, because it will be for the good of all nations.

I am opposed to the tactics of those who seem to be working to keep China half developed, and in a position where she will be imposed upon, and where she can be forced to sell her land and pay tribute for all she buys. These tactics not only injure China, but in the end those nations who are imposing upon her will also be injured.

I am glad to state that the United States has not been a leader in this game. The Chinese have confidence in Americans because we do not say one thing and do another. What adds to this confidence is that China knows America's intentions are honest, and that we do not want her territory. China realizes that fact.

China's progress is our progress, and therefore I am in favour of close friendship between China and the United States. I never had the thought of extracting one word from my Shanghai speech and believe I never will. I do not fear the development of the Chinese nor do I take any stock in the reports of a possible Yellow Peril.

Li Sun Ling asked Mr. Taft what, in his opinion, would hasten China's prosperity and bring about a development to the advantage of China and America?

Mr. Taft replied, that business compelled him to say that China should send more young men to the United States to study the conditions and to work for the improvement of their country.

"I have often met Chinese students," continued Mr. Taft, "and I have often wished more like them would come here. I think the Chinese educated in the United States will greatly benefit China. I believe those educated in the United States are better equipped than those educated in Japan. These men to be educated in Japan. These men to be educated in Japan. These men to be educated in Japan."

Mr. Taft further referred to the many good ideas advanced by the Peking Government, but said that unless edicts are enforced progress is checked.

Mr. Taft stated the Chinese in America for their thrift and said that the Chinese at home would advance more if the same thrift were shown. "Our merchants," continued Mr. Taft, "have gained the respect of the Chinese and I think they will keep that respect and confidence. China's progress will help us as much as it will help China. Take, for instance, the prosperity of the United States and to our commerce. The same would hold true in the Far East."

When I spoke of some needed reforms in China I was thinking of the necessity of making practical some of the Chinese efforts which renewed some of the Chinese emperors. Viceroy sent memorials to the Throne, and the Peking Government in many cases issued edicts. Many of these edicts embody ideas which would greatly benefit China, but they were carried out, but they are not carried out. They show good ideas and good intentions, but when they are not made effective they do more harm than good. If these edicts were rigidly enforced I think it would be a step toward progress."

Referring again to the question of thrift Mr. Taft said: "When the Chinese come to the United States they are as a rule very thrifty, but fabulous sums are expended by wealthy Chinese in their own country for harems and expensive gifts. It is questionable, in my humble opinion, if this practice is advisable."

Mr. Li Sun Ling expressed the hope that China would be freed from the fetters now holding her, and Mr. Taft was genuinely in sympathy, and it was apparent throughout the interview that Mr. Taft felt a deep genuine interest in China and the Chinese.

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an interesting forecast of the average con-
ditions of wind and weather over the North
Pacific Ocean during October. The chart
of normal pressure for the month shows an
area of high barometer (maximum pressure
30.20 inches) central in latitude 30°-40° N.,
longitude 130°-150° W. Around this area
the winds circulate in the same direction
as the motion of the hands of a watch.
NWly and Nly winds prevailing between
the maximum and the coast; NEly and
Ely winds (the NE trades) on the
southern slope; SEly and Sly winds to
the west of the maximum; Wly and
NWly winds along the northern slope.
In direction they will vary from NNE
along the meridian 135° W. to ENE in mid-
ocean. From 140° W. to 140° E. the
weakest trades will be found between the
parallels 15°-20° N.

In Honolulu the average prevalence of
the trades during October is 22 days.
Tediums calms, often extending over several
days in succession, will be met throughout
the belt 0°-10° N., 150° E. 180°; also
throughout a triangular area, the base of
which rests on the American coast from
Cape San Lucas to the Gulf of Panama,
the vertex lying in latitude 5° N., longitude
130° W. Along the American coast north
of 45° the winds will be from S.E. (with
falling barometer) to S.W. and West (with
rising barometer). Immediately under the
coast the most frequent direction will be
S.E., rising at times to gale force. Beyond
130° the wind will blow longest and
strongest from S.S.W. Between 40° and
45° and under the coast the most frequent
directions will be S.S.E. and N.N.W., the
winds from these quarters blowing with
about equal frequency. West of 13° a
majority of the winds are included between
S.W. and North. South of 40° the pre-
vailing direction will be N.W.

Continuing southward N Wly winds
may be expected between the coast and
from 30° N., 130° W., to 15° N., 105°
W. South of 15° and under the coast
NWly winds will blow. On the coast and
as far west as 120° the prevailing direction
is SW., becoming successively Sly and
SEly as the equator is approached.

Occasional cyclonic storms of no great
intensity (winds of force 10) may be expect-
ed between the parallels of 10° and 20° N.,
along the sailing route from San Francisco
to the line and return.

An area of low barometer (pressure 29.70
inches) covers the Aleutian Islands.
Around this area the circulation of the
winds is cyclonic or contrary to the motion
of the hands of a watch. The two circula-
tions, cyclonic (around the low) and anticy-
clonic (around the high), thus unite in
giving rise to Wly winds over the northern
half of the ocean.

During October the summer area of low
pressure central over continental Asia
yields to the winter High, with the result
that the SW. monsoon is displaced by the
NE. The latter will cover the coast of
China and Formosa and the Choo Sea as
far south as 5°. Beyond this parallel light
Sly winds and variables may be expected
during October. As a rule the NE. mon-
soon sets in with storm force, and at times
without previous warning. Open anchorages
should therefore be avoided.

Along the western coast of the Philippine
Archipelago during October and November
Ely and NEly breezes prevail, falling
light at sunset. A steady breeze from any
quarter during the entire day is an indica-
tion of the existence of a typhoon, the
centre of the disturbance bearing two to
four points to the left of the point toward
which the wind is blowing. For Manila
the average climatological conditions during
October are: Pressure, 29.8 inches; tem-
perature, 80.4°; rainfall, 7.4 inches. For
November they are: Pressure, 29.96 inches;
temperature, 79.1°; rainfall, 5.2 inches.

Temporary areas of alternately high and
low barometer, with attendant anticyclonic
and cyclonic wind circulations, will be
found moving in a general Ely direction
across the ocean. The temperature latitudes
in advance of the warmer the weather is.
In large difference between the wet and
the dry bulb, the barometer rises, the
thermometer falls, the clouds (cirrus, cirro-
cumulus, alto-cumulus) tend to dissolve,
and the general direction of the winds is
polar or Wly; in advance of the latter
the weather is damp (small differences be-
tween the wet and dry bulb), the barometer
falls, the thermometer rises, the clouds
(cirrus, alto-cumulus, nimbus) tend
to gather, and the general direction of the
winds is equatorial or Ely. The outward
passage of an anticyclone is marked by
light slowly shifting winds and fair weather,
of a cyclone by gales, rain, and foul
weather.

Fog, Mist and Haze.—China Sea, 6 per
cent (4 e. 6 hours in each 100); coast of
China from Hongkong to Shanghai, 5 per
cent; Bataan Sea and Gulf of Peheli, 7
per cent; Bering Sea, 2 per cent; Gulf of
Alaska, north of 60°, 3 per cent; south of
60°, 7 per cent; American coast, Puget
Sound to San Francisco, 3 per cent; San
Francisco to Cape San Lucas, 24 per cent.
Gales of Force 8 and Over.—China Sea,
north of 10°, 7 per cent; coast of the Phil-
ippines and Formosa, 10 per cent; south
and east of Japan, 5 per cent; 150° E.-120° W.,
45°-60° N., 8 per cent; 40°-45° N., 7 per
cent; 35°-40° N., 3 per cent; elsewhere,
rare.

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THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

of Members will be held in the Club
Parlour on THURSDAY, the 10th Octo-
ber, at 10.15 p.m.

T. CHHE,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, October 7, 1903. 1279

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE,

LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TWENTY-SEVENTH ORDIN-

ARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

will be held at the Office of the Under-
secretary, on FRIDAY, the 23rd inst., at
Noon.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-
pany will be CLOSED from the 9th to the
23rd instant, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.,
General Agents.

Hongkong, October 2, 1903. 1355

THE DAIRY FARM COMPANY,

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TWELFTH ORDINARY

YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

in the above company will be held at the
COMPANY TOWN OFFICE, 2, Lower Albert
Road, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, the 27th
October, 1903, at 10.15 a.m. for the purpose of
presenting the Report of the Directors and
Statement of Accounts for 31st July, 1903.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-
pany will be CLOSED from the 13th to
27th October, 1903, both days inclusive.

By Order, S. A. SE'E,
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Hongkong, October 7, 1903. 1373

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MARRIAGE.

LITTLE GIRL.—At Hongkong, on the 8th
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LITTLE GIRL, of the Public Works
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only daughter of Richard, Gibb, J.P., and
Mrs Gibb, of Bishopbriggs, N.B.

MEMOS FOR TO MORROW

Miscellaneous
Goods per Prince Alice undelivered
after this date subject to rent.

General Memoranda.

THURSDAY, October 15.—
5.15 p.m.—Meeting of Kowloon Cricket
Club, at Club Pavilion.
Goods per Alice undelivered at 5 p.m.
on this date subject to rent.

THURSDAY, October 15.—
Goods per Mongolia undelivered at 5
p.m. on this date subject to rent.

MONDAY, October 19.—
Goods per Polynesia undelivered after
this date at Noon will be subject to
rent and landing charges.
Goods per Poonah not cleared at 4 p.m.
on this date subject to rent.

TUESDAY, October 20.—
Goods per Penang undelivered after
this date subject to rent.

FRIDAY, October 23.—
Noon Meeting of Canton Insurance
Office, Ltd., at Messrs Jardine, Matheson
& Co.'s Office.

THURSDAY, October 27.—
Noon Meeting of The Dairy Farm Co.,
Ltd., at Co.'s Town Office.

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HONGKONG, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1903.

GERMANY IN SHANTUNG.

In the course of an interview which the
Governor of Tsingtao recently accorded
a representative of the Kokumin
Shimbun considerable light was thrown
upon the present condition of affairs
in that portion of the Chinese Empire.

Ever since Germany obtained the lease
of territory around Tsingtao she has
pursued a steady course, never losing
sight of her principal objects, the
development of the trade of Shantung,
and the setting up in China of a model
city, which should reproduce in all
essential details the civic ideals of the
Fatherland and so serve as a centre for
the expansion of German influence.

It has not been an easy task for at times
the hands of the Colonial authorities
have been tied by the short-sighted ac-
tion of political coteries at home, just as
English party politics have ruined many
a promising British Colonial project.

But success has been achieved notwith-
standing, and to-day, in the Governor's
own words, Tsingtao may be justly said
to be a little Germany. Its municipal
system, its harbour regulations, its
sanitary arrangements and its whole
system are practically replicas of a
town in Germany. It is distinctly a
prosperous place, and even during
recent times of depression the number

of ships clearing at the port was very
considerable. Tsingtao, from having
been a potty little island when it
passed into German hands, has now
given the go-by to Chefoo. When the
railway from Tientsin to the banks of
the Yangtze, which passes through
Tsingtao, is completed, Tsingtao will
become the most important commercial
depot in North China, and will in fact
be a second Shanghai. By-and-by
Kiaochow will be linked up with the
Peking-Mukden Railway and German
enterprise will thus derive a further
impetus.

His Excellency also endeavoured in
the course of the interview to remove
a rather prevalent misapprehension
which has been refuted again and
again but still refuses to be laid. He re-
ferred to the idea that Germany is
fortifying Kiaochow Bay so as to make
it a second Port Arthur. This, he
observed, was an absurd mistake, and
he pointed out that geographical and
topographical conditions render it quite
impossible to convert the place into a
Port Arthur even were Germany so
disposed. But she is not so disposed.
The docks she has built there and all
her other arrangements are on a purely
commercial basis, their object being
economic, not political. Whatever
measures of fortification have been
adopted, their unique purpose is to
enable Germany to preserve her neu-
trality in the event of any trouble in
the Far East.

There are many foreign critics as well
as German merchants and journalists
who contend that Germany can never
make much, politically or commercially,
out of Kiaochow owing to its geographi-
cal situation, while the adoption of the
German bureaucratic system with all
its wealth of meticulous detail, they urge,
serves rather to strangle than to foster
trade. But of course there are always
two sides to a question. The Governor
of Tsingtao has made out a very good
case for his Colony, and if a steadily
advancing prosperity means anything
then German methods and German
thoroughness are again justifying them-
selves in the face of all the critics. His
vision of the Colony's future may be too
rosy in its tinting to suit the hyper-
critical prognostications of some of his
own nationals, but evidently, like our
own Governor, he prefers to range with
the optimists and views the future with
a most hopeful cheerfulness. With
Hongkong lying off her South coast
and with Tsingtao on her North-east
margin China is now furnished at her
own doors with two representative
models from two contrasting types of
Oriental civilization. Will she profit
by her opportunities? Who shall say?

NEWS OF THE DAY.

II. M. R. Crescent left for Home
to-day.

For failing to stamp a receipt for \$30
the master of the Popen Kung was fined
\$25 or 14 days at the Magistracy to-day.

The master of the lighter Persophone,
was fined \$32 at the Marine Court, to-day,
for causing an obstruction by anchoring
and preventing the free access of other
vessels.

Mr. J. H. Kemp sent the cable who
committed the robbery at Messrs. Hon-
sain Ali and Co's. promises on Sunday
morning, to prison for two months with
hard labour.

There were 375 European and 211
Chinese visitors to the City Hall Library,
and 129 European and 1,796 Chinese visi-
tors to the Museum during the week ended
11th October.

Ten tons of explosives for Singapore
and five for Hongkong arrived from London
by the British steamer Glenhurst, to-day.
They included shells, gunpowder, fuses, car-
tridges and powder.

The Austrian steamer Vorwaerts,
which left Hongkong on the 25th ultimo for
Calcutta, at 1.45 a.m. on the 28th, ran
aground on Bombay Reef, Parnes Islands,
getting off after nine hours.

No longer than ten years ago the
Cape to Cairo railroad project of Cecil
Rhodes was laughed at as a dream, but the
present moment finds it extended 2,000
miles northward from the Cape, and
prospects of the immediate further exten-
sion of this Southern section are bright.

There is only a little engineering dispute
as to the more desirable of two proposed
routes. The first step in the construction
of the great steel bridge which is now being
thrown over the Blue Nile 1,500 miles
south of Cairo. This bridge will greatly
simplify the transportation troubles to and
from Khartoum, and will open up a rich
country which has been inaccessible up to
this time. The bridge is 1,700 feet long,
and rests on 14 stone piers. It will carry
railroad tracks, wagon road and footpath.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Sub-Lieutenant Cecil R. H. Harvey has
been transferred from the river steamer
Widgeon to the cruiser Monmouth, and
the vacancy on the former ship has been
filled by the transfer of Sub-Lieutenant
H. W. K. Young from the Monmouth.

Admiral Sir James Bruce, whose last
appointment was as second in command of
the China Station, which he held from Oct.
20, 1899, to Sept. 3, 1901, on 9th Sept.
retired from the active list of the Royal
Navy. In 1900 he received the honour of
K.C.M.G. for his services in China.

Mr Edward Drew, senior chief inspector
of the Criminal Investigation Department
of Scotland Yard, and one of the famous
"Council of Seven," has resigned after
more than 25 years' service, "for private
reasons." His work in criminal investiga-
tion earned him the reputation of the
greatest jewel thief detective of modern
times.

The King's gift to Mr Winston Churchill
on the occasion of his marriage with Miss
Clavinette Hozier was a magnificent
Malacca can, with a gold top richly en-
graved and monogrammed. Mr Churchill's
presents to his bride were a very beautiful
necklace of diamonds, and a pair of
large earrings. The honeymoon was to be
spent at Blenheim Palace, in Paris, and at
Bayona, on Lake Maggiore.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

In view of the persistence of the
Chinese boycott of Japanese manufactures
as conducted in China, the Japanese resi-
dents in Honolulu have retaliated by bo-
ycotting the Chinese fish market.

Five hundred veterans of the South
African war-here, notified the Canadian
Government that they will accept the offer
of a free grant of 320 acres of land each in
the North-West and settle there.

A White Paper just published shows
that the strength of the European Army
in India at present is 75,702, the numbers
of the native Army being 143,598. In 18-6
the figures for the European Army were
73,532, and for the native Army 134,492.

Statistics issued by the Board of
Education show that on August 1, 1903,
there were in England and Wales 7,494
council schools, with accommodation for
3,633,376 children, and 12,452 voluntary
schools with accommodation for 3,425,620
children.

A special envoy from the Emperor
Francis Joseph and Pope Pius X. has
recently visited Western Canada to investi-
gate the conditions of the country. Should
his report be favourable, it is probable that
200,000 Hungarian farmers will settle in
Western Canada during the next four or
five years.

RHUMATI M.

SOME little confidence has the average
man in the various cures for rheuma-
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NEWS OF THE DAY.

II. M. R. Crescent left for Home
to-day.

For failing to stamp a receipt for \$30
the master of the Popen Kung was fined
\$25 or 14 days at the Magistracy to-day.

The master of the lighter Persophone,
was fined \$32 at the Marine Court, to-day,
for causing an obstruction by anchoring
and preventing the free access of other
vessels.

Mr. J. H. Kemp sent the cable who
committed the robbery at Messrs. Hon-
sain Ali and Co's. promises on Sunday
morning, to prison for two months with
hard labour.

There were 375 European and 211
Chinese visitors to the City Hall Library,
and 129 European and 1,796 Chinese visi-
tors to the Museum during the week ended
11th October.

Ten tons of explosives for Singapore
and five for Hongkong arrived from London
by the British steamer Glenhurst, to-day.
They included shells, gunpowder, fuses, car-
tridges and powder.

The Austrian steamer Vorwaerts,
which left Hongkong on the 25th ultimo for
Calcutta, at 1.45 a.m. on the 28th, ran
aground on Bombay Reef, Parnes Islands,
getting off after nine hours.

No longer than ten years ago the
Cape to Cairo railroad project of Cecil
Rhodes was laughed at as a dream, but the
present moment finds it extended 2,000
miles northward from the Cape, and
prospects of the immediate further exten-
sion of this Southern section are bright.

There is only a little engineering dispute
as to the more desirable of two proposed
routes. The first step in the construction
of the great steel bridge which is now being
thrown over the Blue Nile 1,500 miles
south of Cairo. This bridge will greatly
simplify the transportation troubles to and
from Khartoum, and will open up a rich
country which has been inaccessible up to
this time. The bridge is 1,700 feet long,
and rests on 14 stone piers. It will carry
railroad tracks, wagon road and footpath.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Sub-Lieutenant Cecil R. H. Harvey has
been transferred from the river steamer
Widgeon to the cruiser Monmouth, and
the vacancy on the former ship has been
filled by the transfer of Sub-Lieutenant
H. W. K. Young from the Monmouth.

Admiral Sir James Bruce, whose last
appointment was as second in command of
the China Station, which he held from Oct.
20, 1899, to Sept. 3, 1901, on 9th Sept.
retired from the active list of the Royal
Navy. In 1900 he received the honour of
K.C.M.G. for his services in China.

Mr Edward Drew, senior chief inspector
of the Criminal Investigation Department
of Scotland Yard, and one of the famous
"Council of Seven," has resigned after
more than 25 years' service, "for private
reasons." His work in criminal investiga-
tion earned him the reputation of the
greatest jewel thief detective of modern
times.

The King's gift to Mr Winston Churchill
on the occasion of his marriage with Miss
Clavinette Hozier was a magnificent
Malacca can, with a gold top richly en-
graved and monogrammed. Mr Churchill's
presents to his bride were a very beautiful
necklace of diamonds, and a pair of
large earrings. The honeymoon was to be
spent at Blenheim Palace, in Paris, and at
Bayona, on Lake Maggiore.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

In view of the persistence of the
Chinese boycott of Japanese manufactures
as conducted in China, the Japanese resi-
dents in Honolulu have retaliated by bo-
ycotting the Chinese fish market.

Five hundred veterans of the South
African war-here, notified the Canadian
Government that they will accept the offer
of a free grant of 320 acres of land each in
the North-West and settle there.

A White Paper just published shows
that the strength of the European Army
in India at present is 75,702, the numbers
of the native Army being 143,598. In 18-6
the figures for the European Army were
73,532, and for the native Army 134,492.

Statistics issued by the Board of
Education show that on August 1, 1903,
there were in England and Wales 7,494
council schools, with accommodation for
3,633,376 children, and 12,452 voluntary
schools with accommodation for 3,425,620
children.

A special envoy from the Emperor
Francis Joseph and Pope Pius X. has
recently visited Western Canada to investi-
gate the conditions of the country. Should
his report be favourable, it is probable that
200,000 Hungarian farmers will settle in
Western Canada during the next four or
five years.

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INTERPORT RIFLE

SHOOTING.

SHANGHAI'S SCORE.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)
SHANGHAI, October 12.

The scores in the Interport Rifle
Shooting Competition are as follows:—

200 500 800 Total

Aldridge ... 33 31 32 96

Brand ... 33 30 32 95

Macintosh ... 33 32 29 94

Barrett ... 31 32 30 93

Hilton-Johnson ... 30 33 30 93

Richards ... 33 30 30 93

Sauer ... 33 32 27 92

Lancaster ... 31 30 31 92

Lynch ... 29 30 30 89

Linde ... 30 30 29 89

[The total score as reported in our issue
of last night was 923, which is fourteen less
than that of Singapore, which team shot on
October 5. Last year Shanghai made 943,
Hongkong 923 and Singapore 928. It will
be seen that Shanghai have not done so
well as last year while Singapore have
done a little better and it is hoped,
naturally, that when the Hongkong team
shoot to-morrow they will have made the
top score.—Ed. C.M.]

The team selected to represent Hong-
kong is as follows:—Capt. Lammeret,
Messrs. J. Pidgeon, R. Lapsley, J. G.
Gow, A. Jenkins, Colour-Sergeant Wright
(3rd Middlesex), Sergeant Hall (3rd Middle-
sex), Lance-Sergeant Munroe (3rd Middle-
sex), Chief Petty Officer Paddon, H. M. S.
Tanner, J. P. McGilvery. Reserves:
Sergeant Major Deacon, Sergeant Snell, R. M.
L. T. Lieut. Col. Chapman, V.D., Major
MacDonald and Mr G. H. Wakeman
are to be the umpires.

The Hongkong team last year was as
follows:—Capt. Lammeret, H.K.V.C.; Ser-
geant Lapsley, H.K.V.C.; Corp. Marshall,
H.K.V.C.; Gunner J. C. Coles, H.K.V.C.;
Mr A. Jenkins, Vol. Reserves; Mr J. H.
Pidgeon, Vol. Reserves; Mr J. C. Gow,
Vol. Reserves; C. M. Sergeant, English, 3rd
Middlesex; Sergeant Lawrence, Royal En-
gineers; Sergeant Sayers, 3rd Middlesex;
Reserves: Mr Stackwood and Sgt. Hall,
3rd Middlesex Regt.

THE PEKING UNIVER-

SITY.

THE BALKAN CRISIS.

PRO-BRITISH DEMONSTRATION.

(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuters, via Bombay.)

London, October 12. A pro-British demonstration has taken place at Cettinge. A procession marched to the palace bearing British, Montenegrin and Serbian flags. Prince Nicolas, addressing the assembly, declared that he would shrink from no sacrifice in the defence of Serbian nationality.

THE DALAI LAMA

LENGTHY INTERVIEWS.

(With The P. P. Service.)

Peking, October 12.

Several foreign ministers have each had a lengthy interview with the Dalai Lama.

The Peking correspondent of the *North China Daily News* describes in picturesque phrases the arrival in Peking of the Dalai Lama. He says:—As the half hour approached, the order was given to unroll arms, and shortly afterwards the train entered into the station. There rolled out of it, wave upon wave, a sea of human beings as human, yet picturesque; as any I have seen outside Drury Lane Theatre at Christmas time. In descending it, I discerned strict accuracy, without, however, any exaggeration. For, at first, the station seemed a tangled skein with threads of every conceivable colour, crossing and intersecting as they went. As the train advanced, however, the picture changed. The crowd was playing a game of "cat's cradle." Then, gradually, the medley disengaged, thinned, and lengthened in processionary columns, headed by an mounted standard bearer wearing scarlet livery, shaped like large tulips. Behind them, rode six drummers, beating in strict, slow time, with elaborate flourish of black sticks, on drums dressed of their saddles. Next came a body of men whose dark eyes and swarthy faces looked darker still under wide, brass helmets, flat and burnished. They wore flowing capes of red, yellow and purple and rode unkempt, sturdy, little ponies with long manes and tails. A troop of mounted infantry with drawn swords, modern drilled, preceded four mounted hussars leading the approach of the great, yellow chair in which the Lama sat, curtained from view by some twenty carriers, eight of whom actually supported the chair, though the remainder made a brave show of straining, six each side, beneath a couple of ropes resting lightly on their shoulders. Behind the chair was carried what I can only call an enormous yellow sunshade, since it was too small to be termed a canopy, yet too splendid, surely, to be dubbed umbrella. But, *hien t'ien-tai*, it was very magnificent indeed, not stiff nor plain, nor ordinary, but rich, long-tufted and majestically waving. A smaller one bore to company, not nearly so impressive, yet gorgeously spangled, and glittering like the dress of a harlequin. The rest of the procession was brought up by thirty or forty private attendants, from shoulder to ankle in thick, chocolate coloured blankets, with close-cropped heads and clean-shaven copper-brown faces. They looked like a group of monks brought back to life from the pages of the Canterbury Tales, and gave a touch of medievalism in harmony with the lowering gray walls through which the procession swept, whilst, just at the right moment, to add a touch of realism, loose-limbed, canting horsemen galloped along the flanks.

TYPHOON WARNING.

The following telegrams have been received by the American Consulate General, at Hongkong, from the Manila Observatory:—
4.45 p.m. on Oct. 12, Cyclone or typhoon East of Luzon, less than 300 miles distant, moving W.N.W.
9.00 a.m. on Oct. 13—Cyclone or typhoon North-East of Manila, moving W. or W.N.W.
Hongkong, 2.00 p.m. Cyclone or typhoon crossing Northern Luzon, moving W.N.W.

THE NORTH-CHINA INSURANCE COMPANY LTD.

The following report will be presented at the fifth ordinary general meeting of shareholders in the North-China Insurance Company, Ltd., to be held at the offices of the Company, No. 10, The Bund, Shanghai, on Tuesday, the 20th October:—The directors beg to submit, for the information of shareholders, the annexed duly audited statement of the Company's accounts to the 30th June, 1908. The balance at the credit of this account is £204,997.00, and after deducting an interim dividend of 7½ per cent. aggregating £20,292.10, paid on 1st May last, there remains a sum of £173,844.90, which the directors recommend should be appropriated in the following manner:—A final dividend of 7½ per cent. on the paid-up capital. A bonus of 15 per cent. upon contributory premiums. £100,000.00 transferred to silver reserve, bringing that fund up to £150,000, and the balance to be transferred to underwriting reserve account, closing the account for 1907. The balance at the credit of the working account to 30th June, 1908, amounts to £190,512.05.

FROM CANADA.

MOTHERS have the same terror of the little "Cough Remedy" leading in popularity from a prompt cure of this dreaded disease. Mr. Thos. Matthew of Odessa, Ont., Ontario, says: "I have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy several times, and I try to keep it in the house always. I can highly recommend it for children troubled with cough." For sale by all chemists and druggists.

FOOTBALL GOSSIP.

The mid-week fixture 3rd Middlesex Regiment versus the Naval Yard was postponed.

Football is for many a novelty, but it has little attraction. The players loom past like flitting shadows, and it is hard to discern which end plays. Usually the fog becomes denser, and the game is abandoned to everyone's relief. Football with a semityphoon blowing is far more exhilarating. As you make your way down to the ground you persuade yourself that no one will think of turning out in such boisterous weather, that you and the goal posts will have the arena to yourself. But despite the danger signal, and the heavy squalls there was quite a deal of sport at the Valley on Saturday afternoon. Cricketers were doing their best to ignore the unfavourable conditions. The saddling-hall over at the Gymkhana meeting persisted in making itself heard, and the final meeting went on its way, with a small batch of local sports watching the keenly contested races. To cheer up any discomfited Middlesex Regiment band played lively tunes. Typhoons are such everyday occurrences that they are considered quite a normal condition.

Overheard at the Valley on Saturday, "I say mate, it's a pity."

When the Naval Yard, looking very spick and span in their new colours, blue and white, started the game against a team from H.M.S. Olin, the flags scattered around the field were all following in different directions. Scientific play was a question under such circumstances. Once the team got into their stride the Yard set up a persistent attack on their opponents goal, the three inside forwards keeping the Olin defence very busy. After the game had been in progress about fifteen minutes Olin opened the score with a medium paced ground kick at short range, which Collins failed to stop. A few minutes later the inside right, Olin, also found the net. Collins, having twice saved, left his goal a little too far and Olin pounced on the ball and did the useful. The forward line of the Olin was unable to make much progress against the opposing half-backs, and nothing further being scored the score at half time was Naval Yard 2 Olin nil.

The second half calls for very little comment. Play was by no means exciting. The Naval Yard had matters very much their own way, and would have probably scored more often if the high wind had not interfered. At one-half Olin's attack was out well, and kept his forward line busy; and after adding a third goal the Yard were left winners by three goals to Olin nil. For the losers, Olin in goal, and Worley at left back, were the pick of a sorry team that require a deal of coaching. Breen, who in previous seasons figured between the posts for the Naval Yard team, now plays back, and as he is a very sure kick his new position should suit him well. As the usual advances, and as one or two necessary alterations are made in the eleven, we should see the Naval Yard right up in the front rank.

The Cadmus were down to meet the Tamar, and they were there to meet him, but alas the Tamar XI had not been allowed to leave owing to the near approach of the typhoon. Cadmus made the best of matters and played a scratch XI drawn from the few onlookers. The Tamar were anxious to secure a good trial match in order to select their players for the ensuing season. They have a reputation to maintain amongst the smaller ships of the Navy on the Eastern Station.

The Tamar had a very heavy scoring game against the Olin earlier in the week, when they ran up the useful total of 84.

The Y. M. C. A. open their season on Saturday when they are down to play the Naval Yard.

There is a ground off "Ancestry Day" that does duty as a casual mid-week work to five different clubs. Certain houses in the Colony possess the extra attraction of being entitled to half-share of the tennis court in front of the house. In such a case it requires the diplomacy of an ambassador to Court of Berlin to ensure of everything running smoothly between you and your co-partner next door. A anyone has successfully survived such an ordeal will feel sympathy for the five different secretaries of the tennis courts of the Colony. It takes such a little to start such a club. Given a sphere that is kickable, and you have the making of a club that one day may hold front rank in the First League. The owner of the ball also laid claim to the referee's whistle, which is blown, not when any particular incident in the game demanded that it should be blown, but rather as an accompaniment to the game. There was a lack of reserves; players were always forthcoming; juvenile house boys, male-learn cook-boys would wander across and swell the number of players. The play would continue indefinitely, the backs would relieve the weary forward line

and the attack would continue with renewed vigour. Some were the proud possessors of football boots, others had no football at all, while a few followed the game in the orthodox Chinese clothing. There was no "off season," their calendar was full up for every day of the year, typhoons permitting. Amongst this cosmopolitan crowd of natives might be right in all disputes, but possession over-ruled all—you cannot play without a ball. Within the last week or so the ground has been shrouded by a strong bamboo fence and the Bonham Rangers are homeless.

OFFSIDE.

LEAVE FOR DR. MACFARLANE.

The President, at the Sanitary Board meeting this afternoon, recommended that Dr. Macfarlane, assistant M. O. H. who had completed six years' service, be granted leave of absence for twelve months—three months on full pay and nine months half pay, with permission to apply to the Secretary of State for an extension of six months.

Mr. Rogers mentioned—As Dr. Clark will devote the whole of his time to the Sanitary Department the application should be granted.

Mr. Humphreys—I take it this was sent to us merely as a matter of courtesy, and for our information. We are not called upon to approve or disapprove. The granting of leave, and pay leave rests entirely with the Government.

WATERFRONT NEWS AND GOSSIP.

For the last three days the waters of the harbour have been in a turbulent state, tossing about not only small junks and the like, but also much larger craft, hotel launches especially, during their passages to and from the many mail steamers lying in the harbour. In fact on Saturday last the harbour was so rough on the Kowloon side that there was only one hotel launch which dared to face the heavy swell then running.

This morning everything was calm and quiet again, and the sampans came out of their shelter by the hundreds and naturally, of course, and inevitably, by the hundreds finally getting in the way of the many launches speeding here and there on business bent.

By the Japanese steamer Hakata Maru, which, by the way, is due here tomorrow from Europe, Mr. Maschio will leave for New York via Japan ports. Mr. Maschio has been for some time Chancellor in the Japanese Consulate here. I understand that he is proceeding to New York to occupy a similar position in the Japanese Consulate in that city. He leaves on Friday.

During the rush of writing out my notes yesterday afternoon I inadvertently substituted the Empire for the Tsingtao. I apologise to the steamer's agents for any inconvenience this little blunder may have caused.

I hear on very good authority that Mr. W. G. Lawson, formerly chief engineer on the steamship Rabi, will arrive here tomorrow from Europe by the Hakata Maru, after having spent a holiday in the old country.

Another very well known Hongkong resident in the person of Mr. W. D. Sutton, of Messrs A. S. Watson and Company, also returns from Europe from a holiday by the same steamer.

By the Hakata Maru Mr. W. J. Troakes, a new teacher for, I believe, the Ellis Kanchoo School, will arrive. Also Mr. E. D. Rogers (and two children), wife of late Sanitary Inspector Rogers, who died at home in England recently.

The British steamer Rabi, which left Manila on the 10th inst., arrived in port to-day with several cabin passengers and a cargo of hemp and sugar and twenty-five Chinese in the steerage. She reports having met with light variable winds, fine clear weather, and north-easterly swell to mid-night of the 11th, thence to port strong north-easterly gale, rough sea and cloudy weather.

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Having left Moji on the 12th inst., the Japanese steamer Yamsue arrived in port on Monday afternoon, with a cargo of coal. She experienced a fair passage.

The Chinese steamer Touman, Captain Crawford, which left Shanghai on the 9th inst., with sixteen Chinese passengers and a cargo of coal, arrived in port this morning, having experienced moderate easterly winds and high seas.

At Rome on the 20th inst., Pope Pius received in audience several members of the crews of the American battleships Maine and Alabama, afterwards presenting them with medals.

The Scottish Moors, a well known British steamer plying between home ports, Hamburg and San Francisco, has according to recent telegrams received from the Merchants Exchange, been obliged to return by the second time to Montevideo in distress. This vessel, according to home shipping reports, has had several very bad trips; this time she returned with all spars and rigging carried away.

The British steamer Kwong Sang, Captain P. Baker, which left Shanghai on the morning of the 13th inst., for this port via Swatow, arrived in harbour this morning with five cabin passengers and eighty-five Chinese in the steerage. The vessel reports having met with strong north-easterly winds and a rough following sea, with fairly clear weather.

LONGSHORE MAN.

The Bonham Rangers no longer exist. They have been evicted from their semi-circular ground by a ruthless P. W. D. that has other things to consider besides the football woe of small youths. The founder of the club was a boy who was then a student of the University of Hongkong. It takes but a little to start such a club. Given a sphere that is kickable, and you have the making of a club that one day may hold front rank in the First League. The owner of the ball also laid claim to the referee's whistle, which is blown, not when any particular incident in the game demanded that it should be blown, but rather as an accompaniment to the game. There was a lack of reserves; players were always forthcoming; juvenile house boys, male-learn cook-boys would wander across and swell the number of players. The play would continue indefinitely, the backs would relieve the weary forward line

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Legislative Council will be held on Thursday afternoon. The orders of the day are:—Third reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to apply a sum not exceeding Five million five hundred and seventy thousand four hundred and twenty-seven Dollars to the Public Service of the year 1909. Third reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance for regulating Theatres and other places of public resort.

ALLEGED ASSAULT.

The watchman on the Canton-Macao steamer Patsan was charged at the Magistracy today, with assaulting a boarding house runner. Captain Lloyd, who is in charge of the steamer, stated that the boarding house runners simply took possession of the vessel when they got on board, and they were a standing nuisance. A fine of \$2 or seven days' imprisonment was imposed.

TYPHOON NEWS.

Stormy Passage for the Sigan.

The S.S. Sigan, Captain Janssen, of the China Navigation Company, which runs between here and Pakhoi and Hocho, met with the typhoon, which we in Hongkong thought ourselves so fortunate in missing. When the Sigan left Pakhoi the barometer registered 29.82, and there was no notification that there was a typhoon about. Everything went well till the ship was about 40 miles north of the Hainan Straits, when the first signs of bad weather were falling barometer—was experienced. The ship was here too for some time till they were able to locate the whereabouts of the typhoon. Having done so, the Captain decided that the best thing to do was to turn about, which was done for about eighty miles. The ship carried a full cargo, amongst which was a considerable consignment of cattle and pigs, many of which were washed overboard, as was also the ship's horizon. The captain and officers remark that the seas outside were the worst seen for many a long day, but this only showed up the sea-worthiness of the steamer, and the capable handling which she received during the storm no doubt had much to do with her safe arrival in the harbour the other morning.

Another result of the typhoon, which was signalled last week, resulted in the S.S. Mactha (Jensen & Co.) going ashore at Hocho, where it is high and dry on the sands, and this last typhoon has only helped to put her further ashore. As she is only on the sands it is expected that at high tide she will be able to be floated. So far as is known she has sustained little damage.

KOWLOON SEAMEN'S INSTITUTE.

If one may be allowed to judge from the very large audience that gathered at the Seamen's Institute last night to witness the concert provided by the members of the Royal Engineers' Variety Club, the funds should be swelled greatly, for the hall was absolutely packed to the doors, in fact some of the audience had to stand outside on the verandah. These concerts are a weekly occurrence, and are got up and arranged for the benefit of the Institute; no charges are made, but a collection is taken at the conclusion of the performance.

The concert provided last night by the Engineers was an excellent one, some very good talent being present. With the exception of Mrs. Bines and Mr. Jury, the whole of the programme was carried out by the Engineers themselves.

Among those taking part were Sappers Beckett, Hutchison, Leckie, Carson and Corporal Williams, each contributing in no mean manner to a most enjoyable programme. Special words of praise are due to Mrs. Bines for an excellent rendering of two delightful piano-forte solos, also to Corporal Williams and to Mr. Jury for the rendering of their respective songs. It was always a great pleasure to listen to both these gentlemen, who possess very fine voices. A word is also due to Sergeant Atkins who untiringly acted as accompanist throughout the evening. The concert was a success from beginning to end.

The concert to be given on Monday next is to be arranged by Mrs. Jordan who has, we understand, secured some excellent talent.

VICTORIA CINEMATOGRAPE.

The programme this week at the Victoria Cinematographe is both varied and interesting. The pictures are most amusing and create roars of laughter. Miss Phyllis E. Macdonald is ever more popular than ever and is recalled again and again. Miss Cecilia possesses a voice of wide range and power and her songs are always sweetly rendered. Mr. Vortad, too, is highly appreciated for his fine vocal efforts.

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